

Brenda and Ken Wilson enjoying the Memorial Day Picnic on Sunday, May 29, 2016.
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From the Pastor...

Do you feel it? The Spirit of God moving in our midst! God is doing so many wonderful things at First Baptist Church of Statesville.

- The Summer Sermon Series "Paradoxes of Faith" began this past Sunday.
- We had a dynamic worship experience this past Sunday as we all came together around the Lord's Table.
- Our new Minister of Students, Justin Cox, has arrived and is connecting with our youth.
- Our Wednesday noon Bible Study is underway and we are learning to "Walk with God."
- We are within \$13,000 of our So All May See and Hear goal of \$150,000, so we should soon be able to order the new sound system, video equipment and signage.
- Our Belize Mission Team is primed, fully funded and ready to go.
- A new Sunday School Class has started and they had 18 folks last week.
- We will soon begin a new Sunday School Class for young adults (20-35 age range).
- Vacation Bible School is around the corner and excitement is building as we get ready.
- Our children led us in a wonderful worship time at our last Wednesday Night.
- Operation In-As-Much was a great success and we made a difference in our community.
- The Memorial Day Picnic was a blast – despite a little rain.
- Our youth and children are excited about Look Up Lodge later this summer.

This list could go on and on, but you get the point. Jesus said that the Spirit is like the wind. We cannot see the wind, but we can see its results. I believe the things listed above are like leaves blowing in the wind of the Spirit.

Everything is not perfect and we have lots of work to do as a congregation, but isn't it great to sense God at work! God has great plans for First Baptist Church of Statesville. The Spirit can enable us to do mighty works for God. Our part is to live out our theme of being – Together in Christ: Living, Learning, Serving!

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Despite a little rain, we had a wonderful afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship at the Memorial Day Picnic on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

Schedule

Sunday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 3:00 p.m. Business Management Team
 4:00 p.m. Deacon Ministry Team
 6:00 p.m. Danny Wicker & Friends Concert - Church Lawn

Monday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 15

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 5:00 p.m. Messy Games - Church Lawn
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Yoga
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, June 17

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, June 19

Happy Father's Day!

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, June 20

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers

Tuesday, June 21

9:00 a.m. Yoga - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 22

12:00 p.m. Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Thursday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Yoga
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, June 24

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith,
 be courageous, be strong.
 - I Corinthians 16:13*

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of May 29 & June 5, 2016

	5/29	
Church in Bible Study	107	113
Church in Worship	197	207

Financial Statistics

Weeks of May 29 & June 5, 2016

	5/29	
Budget - Received	7,418.00	13,548.00
Alms	0.00	324.00
Designated - Received	1,236.00	4,790.00
Sound System	9,595.00	27,625.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 5/29/16		18,249.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/5/16		46,790.00
Budget for 2015-2016		893,174.00
Weekly Budget Needed		17,176.42
Budget Needs To Date		618,351.23
Budget Given to Date		547,920.59
Behind Budget		(70,430.64)
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		79,995.37
Alms Received-Year to Date		6,052.50
Total Giving-Year to Date		714,995.46
So All May See & Hear		80,741.00



Vacation Bible School • July 25 - 29, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin	Minister of Music & Worship
Ms. Melissa Wilson	Minister of Children & Families
Dr. Larry Gregg	Interim Minister of Christian Education
Rev. Justin Cox	Minister to Students
Mr. Eddie Wiseman	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Greetings From Minister To Students Justin Cox

Greetings!

I wanted to take a few moments and express to you all my most heartfelt appreciation of your treatment and hospitality of me over the last few weeks. For those of you that I've had the pleasure of speaking with, either in the halls of FBC or during my interviewing process, your graciousness has been most welcome in a time of great change for Lauren and myself. The last several weeks have been a blur of packing and unpacking, painting, and home decorating! I could scarcely believe the amount of stuff we've accumulated over the past 3 years of marriage! Looking back over the process of how all this came to be I laugh to myself. What's the ole' saying?

"You wanna see God's sense of humor? Tell him your plans for the future."

I can testify to the fact that Lauren and I moving to Winston, me going to Wake Forest, and your church calling me to be your next Minister to Students was a string of events that only He could have put together. As always, God's plans are far greater than the ones we have for ourselves.

When I think about times of new beginnings, I think of my grandfather's farm. My grandfather was a tobacco farmer, but he and my grandmother also had a large garden they tended to as well. Squash, green beans, corn...you name it. I can remember my grandfather planting seeds, and I would often wonder how something so small could become something so big and valuable. When I think about this, I reflect on Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. In the story, Jesus encounters a man whose son was possessed by a demon. The boy was brought before Jesus' disciples, but they were unable to help. Jesus, however, was able to drive the spirit out. He then tells his disciples;

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. (Matt. 17:20)

When God is involved, small things can become big. We have a chance to see this happen to the community in and around our church. I'm excited to see what our faith together can do.

Let's allow our faith to move mountains,

Rev. Justin Cox, *Minister of Students*

Get To Know Justin

Justin Cox joined the staff of First Baptist Church Statesville after serving 3 years as Minister to Students at Lillington Baptist Church. In the Spring of 2016, he completed his degree in Christian Ministry from Campbell University and is currently enrolled in Wake Forest University's Master of Divinity program. Justin's passions include reading, engaging people in the communities where he lives, and spending time with his loving and patient wife Lauren. They share their home in Winston-Salem with an overly friendly Golden Retriever named Fred and two cats who are only friendly some of the time

God's Promises

What do you do with God's promises? Has God ever spoken something to you through His word or through the impression of the Holy Spirit? What if that thing did not happen right away, or even after a long time? Did you begin to doubt that God had really spoken? Did you forget the promise, put it out of your mind, and set off in another direction? Worst of all, did you decide, "There's no use to pray. God's promises are for other people, not me."?

Read Hebrews 11:17-19, and Romans 4:21.

Abraham had already heard God say that his seed would come through Isaac—and he believed God would keep that promise. It was God (not Satan or someone else) who asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac—to keep the hope of God's promise. We must all come to the place where God is more important to us than his promises!! Only then can He work through us (with self utterly crucified) to what He has promised—in His time, in His way, and for His glory!

Abraham sacrificed more than a ram on the altar that day. He sacrificed himself totally and fully to the Lord. What if Abraham had said, "I must keep Isaac alive at all costs—he is my only hope of ever having descendents. How can my offspring become as many as the stars of the sky or the grains of the sand at the seashore without Isaac?"?

Listen to me: God has to be more real than our dream. He has to be higher than our ambitions, loftier than our aspirations. His very person must be more precious to us than his gifts. God has to be more alive in us than our own heartbeat.

Have you yet climbed Mt. Moriah? It is only achieved through prayer. For it is only when we reach Mt. Moriah where dreams are laid at Jesus' feet, bound up in surrender, that he unites them and gives them back again.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



Message by: Dr. Nelson Granade

Worship with us Sundays at 10:00 a.m. this summer.

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Announcements

A Note of Appreciation From Gloria Hunter

I want to say thank you to our wonderful, loving church family. Thank you for the loving support, the prayers, the visits, and the cards during these last few months of Mother's earthly journey. She loved her First Baptist Church family and so do I! May God richly bless each and every one of you.

With love,
Gloria Hunter

Church Directory Photos

If you did not have our photo made for the new church directory and would like to submit a photo of yourself, a college student or other family member, please bring these to the church office by Sunday, June 19. Photos can also be e-mailed to burwell@statesvillefbc.org. Please make sure the photographs are high quality to assure a good reproduction.

Also, if you had a photo made and have not received your copies in the mail, please check at the church office. We have a box of 8x10 photos filed alphabetically and ready to be picked up.

Outdoor Concert Sunday, June 12, 2016 6:00 p.m. ~ Church Lawn

Everyone is invited to enjoy an evening of music presented on the front lawn by Danny Wicker & Friends. You won't want to miss this special event! Invite your friends! (Alternate location in case of weather concerns will be the FLC.)

Needs For Our Mission To Belize

Our Belize Team is in need of toothbrushes, multivitamins, tubes of chapstick, pot holders, and new reading glasses to give to the people of San Pedro Belize. Please place your donations on the table outside of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Events!

Danny Wicker & Friends Concert
Sunday, June 12

Venture Students at Look Up Lodge
June 26 - July 1

Belize Mission Trip
July 9-16

Vacation Bible School
July 25-29

Jubilee Sunday
July 31

Children at Look Up Lodge
August 5-8



Clothes Closet Rotation

Thursday, June 16

Phil Crowder & Jesse Jackson

Thursday, June 23

Bob Boroughs & Peggy Koepnick

So All May See & Hear Update

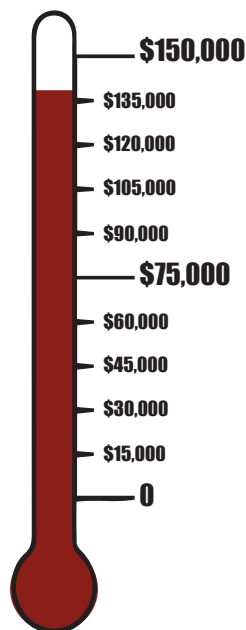
Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment to our So All May See and Hear campaign. Because of your generosity, we have pledged \$137,048 toward our total goal of \$150,000. So we are two-thirds of the way there.

We have also received \$80,708 toward our new sound system, updated video equipment and signage. Remember, we must pledge out entire need (\$150,000) and have half of that given (\$75,000) to begin our projects.

Thank you again to all who have made a commitment to this important work. If you have not turned in your commitment card, please do so Sunday. We need everyone's help to succeed.

So All May See & Hear

Pledged



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